

MEDIA RELEASE

STORIES AND MORE FOR KIDS AT THE LIBRARY IN DECEMBER Special Events and Activities for the Holidays

The Santa Barbara Public Library System has special children's events planned for each branch during the month of December. All libraries will be open their regular hours in December, but will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 2 to observe holidays.

Holiday Music Fun

Craig Newton shares his spirited versions of holiday songs from a variety of cultures. He'll bring an array of instruments including a mandola, violin, mandolin, guitar, tin whistle, saxophone, djembe, banjo, ukulele and more, and encourage listeners to sing along.

Wednesday, December 7th at **Goleta Library**, 10:30am (500 N. Fairview Ave., Goleta)

Thursday, December 8th at **Carpinteria Library**, 10:30am (5141 Carpinteria Ave., Carpinteria)

Thursday, December 8th at **Solvang Library**, 6:00pm (1745 Mission Dr., Solvang)

Saturday, December 10th at **Eastside Library**, 10:30am (1102 E. Montecito St., Santa Barbara)

Winter Wonderland Arts & Crafts at Central Library (40 E. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara)

The Junior League of Santa Barbara hosts a morning of wintery-themed arts and crafts, along with a special holiday story time.

Saturday, December 10th, 10:30am-noon

Holiday Train Festival at Goleta Library (500 N. Fairview Ave., Goleta)

A sampling of Dave Halbeisen's extensive model train collection will be on display. For the past 20 years Dave has shared his trains, little people, little houses and animals sprinkled around the tracks in the snow. Other surprises might include a fire station, snow village and a water tower.

Friday and Saturday, December 9th & 10th, 10:00am-5:00pm Sunday December11^{th,} 1:00-5:00pm

Winter Solstice Tales with Ann Wisehart at Montecito Library (1469 E. Valley Rd., Montecito)

This talented, traditional storyteller will tell magical stories about the sun and the seasons.

Wednesday, December 21st, 4:00pm

All Library programs are FREE and open to the public. For library hours, locations, and contacts, please visit www.sbplibrary.org.

**All Santa Barbara Public Library System libraries will be closed Dec. 24-26, and Dec. 31-Jan. 2. Books and other materials may be renewed online 24/7, and may be returned in the book drops located outside each branch at any time.

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